

 CITY OF DOVER	COMMUNITY TRAIL COMMITTEE - MINUTES Meeting Type: Regular Meeting Meeting Location: Council Conference Room, City Hall, 288 Central Ave Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 1, 2021 Meeting Time: 5:30 PM
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Members Present: Bryant Hardwick (Chair), Jacqueline Finnerty, Patrick Manning, Shayna Sylvia, Laurie Smith, Mark Herrick, Trapper White, Tom Ryde and Bill Stafford.

Others Present: Cliff Blake

Staff Present: Director of Planning and Community Development Donna Benton

B. Hardwick opened the meeting at 5:30 pm.

1. Introductions

2. Approval of October 5, 2021 Minutes

- Motion to approve made by P.Manning. Seconded by T.Ryde. Vote U/A.

3. Discussion with Arts Commission Members

- Cliff Blake from the Arts Commission spoke about potential art locations along the trail for the Arts Commission to do a RFP for. The budget would be \$3-\$5k.
- The CTAC decided that the trailhead at Fourth Street would be the first priority as it was visible and would not affect the upcoming solar system exhibit or natural section. The second priority was for the Cassily property near Whittier in the big open spot for the sculpture or the old tree on the rural section beyond Whittier toward Watson. Third is the tell-tale for a possible historical or railroad theme piece.
- Other ideas for the future included: historic railing hanging (tell-tale)/historic plaque added, logs present on urban stretch, near the staircase near the trestle bridge, wayfinding between the Rotary Trailhead and Fourth Street Trailhead.
- The AC will put together the RFP with three priority areas then come back to the CTAC.
- The Group also discussed partnering for a 10x10' chalk art festival fundraiser on the trail.

4. Bench and donation policies

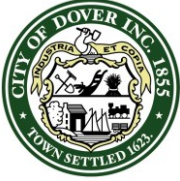
- D.Benton reminded the CTAC about previous discussions about possible bench donations and that there was also a city policy that she will discuss with management about how the CTAC policy would fit into.
- Laurie Smith was there to discuss the new bench on the new section between Fisher and Route 108 and the negative activities that have been going on there.
- The CTAC members also opined that the abutters were aware of the trail going in, had opportunities to opine on the site plans, and chose to live in an urban environment.
- After hearing the concerns, the CTAC decided that if the bench can be simply removed temporarily to see if concerns were addressed and if the bench could be relocated/reused elsewhere.

5. Update on TAP Extension Phase III

- D.Benton explained she is working with NHDOT on closing out the documents/reimbursement for this project.

6. Update on TAP Extension Phases IV-A and IV-B

- D.Benton is working with NHDOT about potential extra funding to allow further engineering and feasibility study to look at Phase IV-B and the bridge option.



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7. Update on Promotion/Adopt-a-Trail Section/Goals

- D.Benton mentioned adding the new trailhead sign to Whittier St. Trailhead.
- Laurie Smith offered a family member as a potential art/designer.

8. Other Business

- D.Benton discussed the easement with Cocheco Mills for the easement at the Rotary Trailhead.
- D.Benton discussed the project at 47 Chestnut Street and potential additional lighting and the CTAC requested that arborvitae or other screening be planted.
- A request to move the staggered fence was made or rotate the fences to allow more visibility and less safety concerns/debris/etc.
- D.Benton discussed the “No camping” signs along the trail. Locations included one at Whittier Trailhead, One near the deer painting, one at Beckwith, One at staircase/fence, one below bridge or any other popular location.
- D.Benton updated the CTAC on the solar system installation being delayed until late summer/early fall due to supply issues.

9. Next meeting

10. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at 6:55pm on a motion made by B.Stafford and seconded by P.Manning. Vote: U/A.